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Viewing cable 08LAHORE318, JAMAATUD DAWA BAN HASTILY IMPLEMENTED IN PUNJAB

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SUBJECT: JAMAATUD DAWA BAN HASTILY IMPLEMENTED IN PUNJAB

CLASSIFIED BY: Bryan Hunt, Principal Officer, Consulate Lahore, U.S. Department of State.
REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Summary: Punjab police confirmed that they detained twelve Jamaatud Dawa (JUD) leaders and sealed their offices as part of a December 11 operation to ban the group in Punjab.

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Punjab Police Detain Jamaatud Dawa Leaders
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[1](#)2. (C) The Ministry of Interior directed Lahore police on the evening of December 11 to place the top leadership of Jamaatud Dawa (JUD) under house arrest.

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Offices Sealed, Mosques Not Sealed
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[1](#)3. (C) Lahore police confirmed that they sealed JUD headquarters at Jamia Qadsia in Chauburji Chowk, but refrained from shutting the mosque in the area.

[1](#)4. (C) Police revealed that they have not received instructions to seal the schools, madrassahs or hospitals run by JUD, but they might seal them if necessary.

[1](#)5. (C) The Punjab Home Secretary detailed to FSNI December 12 that JUD owns 173 schools in Pakistan, three hospitals in Punjab (located in Muridke, Faisalabad and Lahore).

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Hasty Operations
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[1](#)6. (C) Lahore police remarked that the sudden directive from the Ministry of Interior preceded by several hours a similar order from the provincial government.

[1](#)7. (C) The provincial government appears to lack plans to deal with students and patients displaced from JUD hospitals and schools. The decision to ban the group was made hastily.

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Media Await Formal Notification of Blackout
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[1](#)8. (C) Although the federal government banned December 11 the broadcast and publication of statements by JUD leaders, media contacts in Punjab were not affected.

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Politicians Support Ban But Criticize Haste
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[1](#)9. (C) Mian Naseer Ahmed, a Member of the Provincial Assembly (MPA) from Lahore, told poleconoff December 12 that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz government should have planned the ban better.

[1](#)10. (C) However, Chaudhry Shifaat Hussain, Gujrat District Nazim (mayor) of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML), criticized the federal government for not planning the ban better.

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Comment: Welcome Action, But Little Planning
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[1](#)11. (C) The detentions of and likely filing of criminal charges against senior JUD leaders coupled with the closure of offices and seizure of assets of the group.

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